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u.s. sees no confrontation with france over pakistani nuclear plant

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deauville, france, aug. 10 -- secretary of state kissinger has assured the foreign minister of france, jean sauvagnargues, that there will be, as far as the united states is concerned, no confrontation with france over pakistans plans to buy a french nuclear reprocessing plant.

dr. kissinger, who is on a private visit to deauville, telephoned a french diplomat august 10. the french foreign minister was in gassim in the south of france.

a u.s. spokesman, robert funseth, told journalists that the two diplomats conversation was +very friendly, constructive and non-confrontational.+

secretary kissinger arrived in deauville the evening of august 9 to spend two nights and one day as the guest of loel guiness, a british friend, at an estate 25 miles from deauville on the normandy coast.

dr. kissinger came to france after talks in lahore, pakistan, with prime minister zulfikar ali bhutto about the strong u.s. objections to pakistans acquiring the nuclear fuel-making plant unless it is placed under multi-national auspices.

the plant could reprocess plutonium that is used for making nuclear weapons.

secretary kissinger spoke briefly with several reporters at the estate he is visiting.

in addition to telling them that there would be no confrontation over the reprocessing plant, dr. kissinger said that the united states has been in practically daily contact with turkey and greece to settle +peacefully+ their dispute over oil drilling rights in the aegean.

dr. kissinger said there is +no legal justification+ for turkey and greece to use armed force in solving the problem.

a turkish seismic research ship is probing for oil in the northwest aegean on a seabed claimed by greece. the turks maintain that they have the right to hunt for oil in the region and they have rejected greek protests. the turks say that the aegean is not a +greek lake.+

dr. kissinger is scheduled to visit the hague for talks august 11 on his way home to washington. the greek-turkish situation is a likely topic for discussion there.

on the matter of a pakistani purchase of a french reprocessing plant, a senior u.s. official on the kissinger flight to deauville august 9 said that perhaps a compromise could be found for the french and pakistanis to sign an agreement that would be similar to one that the americans are about to conclude with iran.

in effect, the united states would have in the iranian accord a veto over iran action in the nuclear field to make sure that nuclear materials would not be converted into weapons or explosives.